

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 5582

DEPT PASS AID

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EWWT, EG  
SUBJECT: GOE REQUEST THAT U.S. NAVY DO HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY IN  
GULF OF SUEZ.

REF: A. CAIRO 5380  
B. CAIRO 4709

1. ATTENTION INVITED TO SENTENCE IN FIRST PARAGRAPH OF  
EGYPTIAN REQUEST (PARA 2 OF REFTTEL A) WHICH READS "THIS  
WOULD INCLUDE CLEARING THE CHANNELS OF ANY OBSTACLES".

2. THIS IS FIRST INDICATION FROM GOE THAT "CLEARING OF  
OBSTACLES" IS TO BE ASKED OF USG. SUBJECT WAS ADDRESSED  
IN PARA 3 OF REFTTEL B. IF "OBSTACLES" INCLUDE THE NUMEROUS  
SHALLOW SPOTS WHICH ARE  
KNOWN OR SUSPECTED, EXTENSIVE DREDGING AND/OR DEMOLITION  
OPERATIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED.

3. REQUEST AS FORWARDED IN REFTTEL A THEREFORE  
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APPARENTLY INVOLVES AN  
UNKNOWN BUT OBVIOUSLY ORDER OF MAGNITUDE INCREASE IN SCOPE  
OF EFFORT, COST, AND LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED, OVER  
ANY PREVIOUS ESTIMATE. WORK OF THIS MAGNITUDE CLEARLY  
COULD NOT BE COMPLETED IN THE SIX MONTHS MENTIONED IN  
THE EGYPTIAN REQUEST. RECOMMEND CLOSE COORDINATION  
WITH CNO AND OTHER AGENCIES AT WASHINGTON LEVEL PRIOR

TO ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH GOE ON THIS SUBJECT. ALSO URGE  
THAT ANY COMMITMENT ON THIS SUBJECT DURING  
SADAT VISIT MAKE CLEAR THAT HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY  
ONLY IS INVOLVED AND NOT EXTENSIVE DREDGING TO "CLEAR OBSTACLES".  
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